

Placer County Health and Human Services Department

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Fire Debris Clean Up Guidance September 2, 2008

Dust Control

Ash and contaminated debris should be contained and disposed in a timely and safe manner to minimize health hazards of the people completing the clean up and the surrounding residents. **Adequate dust management is essential to protect public health.** Ash and ash-covered materials should be wetted to limit the potential exposure prior to containment and removal. Air monitoring will not be required per the Air Pollution Control District (APCD). Due to potential mixing and compaction, removal of an additional 6 to 12 inches of dirt is recommended. No soil sampling is required.

For assistance with questions concerning dust management, contact Ann Hobbs at 530-745-2327 at the Placer County Air Pollution Control District. Attached are APCD information sheets on Fugitive Dust and Straw Blowing.

Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste

Prior to and during clean up efforts, workers must evaluate readily identifiable household hazardous waste (including electrical wastes) and segregate and manage separately from the ash and debris. Attached are two fact sheets on "Emergency Guidance on the Angora Wildfire #1" and "Emergency Guidance on the Angora Wildfire #2" which have valuable information for handling ash, debris and other hazardous materials from burned structures.

Waste can be delivered to the Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) facility located at 3033 Fiddyment Road at the corner of Athens Avenue between Roseville and Lincoln. The entrance is on Athens. Normal operating hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Household hazardous wastes, electronic wastes and debris wastes can be delivered to WPWMA's facility. For information on pricing and limitations on the acceptance of household hazardous wastes, please contact the WPWMA at (916) 543-3960.

Waste Transport

In order to protect public health and the environment, all loads shall be wetted down before leaving the property. All loads shall be covered with tarps; this includes metal debris. Concrete loads are exempt from tarps provided the loads are wetted prior to leaving. If concrete loads generate dust, then the loads must wetted and tarped. Direct haul of the materials to an active landfill is requested.

Please notify the site attendant if you have fire debris prior to dumping the material. Keep your hazardous waste and electronic waste separate from other debris. Debris will go directly to the landfill for disposal, while hazardous and electronic wastes must be delivered elsewhere in the WPWMA facility.

Appliance and Vehicle Recycling

Removal and disposal of some material may require special handling such as various automobile (oil, antifreeze, etc.) or appliance (Freon) components. Vehicles and appliances that were

completely consumed by the fire will probably not contain any of the above items. The vehicles and appliances will be treated as metal debris and removed accordingly. All appliances and vehicles shall be securely covered (i.e. tarped or plastic wrapped) prior to and during transport.